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URBAN DISTRICT OF MARKET HARBOUROUGH

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year 1966

Incorporating a report on the
sanitary circumstances of the
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VITAL STATISTICS

Area in acres	4,878	Number of occupied houses	4,671
Rateable Value at April 1st, 1966			
	£484,867	Number of Council Houses	927
Sum represented by a penny rate		Population (mid.1966)	12,700
	£2,038		

BIRTHS

Live births: Legitimate

Male	113
Female	137
Total	250

Illegitimate

Male	5
Female	2
Total	7

All live births

Male	118
Female	139
Total	257

Still births:

Male	1
Female	2
Total	3

Birth rate per 1,000 estimated
population 20.2

DEATHS

Deaths: All causes

Male	74
Female	90
Total	164

Deaths from puerperal causes

NIL

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age

Male	-
Female	1
Total	1

Death rate per 1,000 estimated
population 12.9

Causes of Death:

<u>Registrar General's</u> <u>Classification</u>		1966		
		Male	Female	Total
1	Tuberculosis, Respiratory	-	-	-
2	Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3	Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
4	Diphtheria	-	-	-
5	Whooping cough	-	-	-
6	Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7	Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8	Measles	-	-	-
9	Other infective & parasitic diseases	1	1	2
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	3	5
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	7	2	9
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2	2
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1
14	Malignant neoplasms, lymphatic & other	5	8	13
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
16	Diabetes	3	1	4
17	Vascular lesions of the nervous system	16	22	38
18	Coronary disease, angina	12	13	25
19	Hypertension with heart disease	-	-	-
20	Other heart disease	5	11	16
21	Other circulatory disease	5	3	8
22	Influenza	1	-	1
23	Pneumonia	3	5	8
24	Bronchitis	5	1	6
25	Other diseases of the respiratory system	1	1	2
26	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	1	2
27	Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	-	-	-
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	2	2	4
29	Hyperplasia of the prostate	1	-	1
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
31	Congenital malformations	-	-	-
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	10	11
33	Motor Vehicle accidents	2	-	2
34	All other accidents	1	3	4
35	Suicide	-	-	-
36	Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
Total deaths, all causes		74	90	164

CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Tuberculosis

There were no deaths from tuberculosis during the year.

One new case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis was notified.

Cases residing in the District at the close of the year were distributed as follows:-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pulmonary tuberculosis	8	8	16
Non-pulmonary tuberculosis	3	4	7
Totals	11	12	23


Other infectious disease

The following cases were notified:-

Scarlet Fever	1
Measles	302
Erysipelas	1
Food poisoning... ..	1

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS

No formal action was necessary during 1966.



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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply.

The water supply of the district continues to be satisfactory in quality and quantity. There were no shortages during 1966. Two samples were taken for bacteriological examination and were sterile.

Only one occupied house in the district is still dependent on a private well for its water supply. This water was also tested and found to be satisfactory.

There have been no major extensions of public water supplies.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

No extensions to sewers carried out other than normal minor extensions to meet housing development needs.

A start was made in 1966 on the construction of an additional humus tank at the Sewage Disposal Works.

Public Cleansing.

House refuse is collected weekly by direct labour and disposed of by controlled tipping. This service is administered by the Engineer & Surveyor.

The Health Department operates the trade refuse collection scheme. A yearly charge of £2.5.0. is made for the weekly collection of one dustbin, or its equivalent, of trade refuse. 252 bins per week are collected from 148 trade premises.

Dustbins for the storage of house refuse are supplied by the Department at an annual hire charge of 6/- per bin. At the end of 1966, 2,521 Council dustbins were in use at 2,367 properties other than Council-owned premises.

Inspection of the Area.

Number of complaints received ...	401
Premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with ...	906

Nature of Inspection

	Number of Inspections
Animal Keeping	11
Bakehouses	8
Dairies	8
Drainage Works	89
Dwelling-houses (all purposes)	1,682
Infectious Disease Enquiries	6
Food Poisoning Enquiries	3
Food Premises	534
Offensive Trades	4
Refuse Collection and Disposal	1,176
Schools	6
Shops & Offices	176
Slaughterhouses & Meat Inspection	803
Smoke Control	67
Caravans, etc.	64
Verminous & Dirty Premises	12
Water Supplies	6
Factories & Workshops	68
Rodent Control (including visits by Rodent Officer)	2,862
Other Inspections	677
TOTAL	8,262

Notices

INFORMAL	HOUSING	PUBLIC HEALTH
Outstanding on 1st January	9	8
Issued during year	19	144
Complied with during year	22	147
Outstanding 31st December	7	5

STATUTORY	HOUSING	PUBLIC HEALTH
Outstanding on 1st January	2	2
Issued during year	-	-
Complied with during year	1	-
Outstanding 31st December	1	2

Pet Animals Act, 1951.

Licences renewed/issued 2
Visits to premises 6
Contraventions found NIL

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

Number of premises registered for upholstering, etc. 1

Special Classes of premises & Occupations subject to control.

Written consent to establishment of trade of Rag
& Bone Dealer renewed. 1.

Written consent to establishment of trade of
Fat Extractor, Fat Melter and Glue Maker in
operation.

Four inspections were made of these premises which were found to be satisfactory.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The Rodent Officer, as other duties permitted, has proceeded with the routine inspection of the District. 2,862 Visits and Inspections have been made during the year, in routine survey of the District & treatment at premises. Infestations by rodents are treated free at dwelling houses; business & agricultural premises are charged for the service. Council properties are inspected regularly & treated as required.

Swimming Baths.

The Public Swimming Baths were re-opened in the Spring after major works of reconstruction. Regular tests of the water were carried out, 56 inspections being made for the purpose. 5 bacteriological samples were taken; 4 were satisfactory and 1 unsatisfactory. Resulting from this latter, minor defects of the purification plant were remedied.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

There are 4 licences operative in respect of single caravan sites. During the year a licence was issued for a site for 40 residential caravans and work was started on the building of a toilet block etc. to comply with licence conditions before bringing the site into use.

Living vans were removed from unlicensed sites on 6 occasions.

Noise Abatement Act, 1960.

One case of noise from industrial premises giving rise to complaint was dealt with informally.

THE INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

Premises inspected	97
Inspections made	456
Informal Notices served	12
Informal Notices complied with	8

Ice Cream.

Sixty-two premises in the district are registered for the sale of ice-cream.

Milk: Dairies and Distributors.

Dairies registered	2
Distributors registered	7
Inspections made	26
Contraventions found	NIL

Milk Sampling.

Sampling of untreated milk for the detection of infection with Tubercle bacilli or Brucella Abortus was continued. 4 samples were taken and all proved satisfactory.

4 samples of untreated milk were also taken for bacteriological examination, and were satisfactory.

Food & Drugs Act, 1955.

A prosecution was taken against a multiple grocery Company, under Section 8 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955, for the sale of a mouldy meat pie. The Company pleaded guilty and was fined £50 plus costs of £5.5.0.

19 complaints of unsound food, or food containing foreign bodies, were received and investigated fully.

Meat and Other Foods.

The Council owns the abattoir and provides the facilities for a public slaughterhouse.

51,467 animals were slaughtered during 1966, all of which were examined before leaving the abattoir.

Unsound Food Surrendered or Condemned.

Meat at retail shops	24 lb.
Meat at wholesale premises	810 lb.
Cooked meat & meat products	10 lb.
Canned meats	208 lb.
Fish	12 lb.
Other foods	4,634 lb.
	<u>5,698 lb.</u>

Carcases inspected and condemned.

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	7,697	49	22	30,305	13,394
Number inspected	7,697	49	22	30,305	13,394
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u> Whole carcasses condemned	2	1	10	52	7
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2,865	11	3	992	1,000
Percentage of number affected with disease other than tuberculosis	37.25%	24.49%	59.09%	3.44%	7.52%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u> Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	54
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	0.01%	-	-	-	0.4%

Five carcasses were found to be infested with cysticercus bovis and were subjected to refrigeration, the affected organs being condemned.

One beef carcass was condemned because of generalised cysticercosis - 70 viable cysts being found.

One sheep carcass was totally condemned due to generalised cysticercus ovis.

Total weight of meat & offal condemned - 49,354 lbs.(22 tons. 2 qrs. 18 lbs.)

Meat Stalls

Number of Inspections 112

Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc.

Number of Inspections 34

Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale

Number of Inspections 320

HOUSING

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) _____ 196

Number of inspections made for the purpose _____ 524

Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation _____ NIL

Houses demolished or closed in the period

<u>Housing Act, 1957</u>	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Number of Persons displaced</u>
Demolished	1	1
Closed as a result of closing orders or undertakings	4	16

REPAIRS in the period

	<u>Number of Houses</u>
Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the period	
(i) as a result of informal action by the Local Authority under the Housing or Public Health Acts _____	70
(ii) as a result of formal notices under Public Health Acts _____	-

HOUSING ACT, 1949.

(a) Number of applications for improvement grants _____ 9

(b) Number of applications approved _____ 9

(c) Number of applications refused _____ -

HOUSE PURCHASE & HOUSING ACT, 1959.

(a) Number of applications received for standard grants _____ 46

(b) Number of properties improved during year _____ 36

New Houses

Houses completed during the year:-

(a) By Local Authority _____ 18

(b) By private enterprise _____ 104

Houses under construction at the close of the year:-

(a) By Local Authority _____ 28

(b) By private enterprise _____ 127

TOTAL number of Post War Houses completed by:-

(a) Local Authority _____ 623

(b) Private enterprise _____ 1,217

Total number of applicants for Council houses at end of year _____ 221

Number of applications received during the year _____ 40

Number of Council houses in the district prior to 1939 _____ 319

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

The total numbers of registered premises at the end of 1966 were:-

Offices	48
Retail Shops	122
Wholesale shops, warehouses	5
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	22
Fuel storage depots	2
	<u>199</u>

147 visits and inspections were made. All registered premises have received a general inspection. Follow-up and routine visits in 1966 indicated that occupiers were complying well with notices served in respect of contraventions. Standards were mainly good.

Contraventions were as follows, with 1965 figures in brackets for comparison:-

	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>
Offices	- (66)	48 (18)
Retail shops	28 (175)	113 (76)
Wholesale premises	1 (-)	- (-)
Catering establishments	4 (14)	4 (-)
Fuel storage depots	- (8)	8 (-)

Three accidents of a minor nature were reported during the year.

Persons employed in registered premises totalled 1,157
(481 male 676 female)

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1937.
PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS:-

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspect- ions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	36	34	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sect. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	91	30	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Sect. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	6	4	-	-
Total	133	68	-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:-

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT
Outwork
(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	No. of Outworkers on List
Wearing apparel, making, etc.	17

